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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2001, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2001

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEAN CARNAHAN, a Senator from the State of Missouri.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, we praise You for Your love that embraces us and gives us security, Your joy that uplifts us and gives us resiliency, Your peace that floods our hearts and gives us serenity, and Your Spirit that fills us and gives us strength and endurance.

We dedicate this day to You. Help us to realize that it is by Your permission that we breathe our next breath and by Your grace that we are privileged to use all the gifts of intellect and judgment You provide. Bless the Senators as they continue to sort out the crucial issues of providing patients' rights. Give them a perfect blend of humility and hope, so that they will know that You have given them all that they have and are and have chosen to bless them this day. We join with them in responding and committing ourselves to You. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEAN CARNAHAN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. BYRD].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 22, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEAN CARNAHAN, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. CARNAHAN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, on behalf of Senator DASCHLE, the Senate is advised that we will have debate, the time equally divided between the two managers of the bill, on the McCain amendment. Following a vote on that amendment, we will turn to an amendment offered by the Senator from New Hampshire, Mr. GREGG, the manager of the bill. That matter will be debated this afternoon. We are going to be in session Monday afternoon for purposes

of debating this matter, with further action on this bill Tuesday and the rest of the week until we complete this legislation.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

BIPARTISAN PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1052, which the clerk will report. The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1052) to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

Pending:

McCain amendment No. 809, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the opportunity to participate in approved clinical trials and access to specialty care.

AMENDMENT NO. 809

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the time until 10:30 a.m. will be equally divided between the Senator from Arizona, Mr. MCCAIN, and the Senator from New Hampshire, Mr. GREGG, or their designees.

The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, I intend to speak again shortly before the vote, but I would like to discuss the President's threat to veto the Patients' Bill of Rights, the letter that was sent over yesterday.

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